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SUBJECT .... Action to be taken on the activities of Mr. S. K. Venkataramaya Iyengar, Legal Adviser to the Bank of Mysore

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OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL,
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No. 8569

Extract from Dewans Minute of 17.4.38

"6) Ramayya Vs Venkataramanayya - Nyapathi Banks to be asked not to employ him as their legal adviser."

Chief Secy's orders of 17.4.38 thereon will be taken & papers submitted for orders.

Draft D.O. to the President of the Nyapathi Banks submitted for orders.

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The Chairman has submitted the matter for orders in view of his explanation given and his regret expressed and assurances for his future. I think the matter may be over for his present and his future conduct watched.

T.M. 7.5 — I agree

I Member
II Member
Dewan

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My dear Sir,

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I am, therefore, to request you to be so good as to consider whether it would not be in the interests of the Bank and its clientele to select a person who does not hold such strong views against the Govt.

Yours sincerely,

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Rajasabhabhushana Diwan Bahadur
Dr. Sir K.P.Puttanna Chetty, LL.D.,
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
The Bank of Mysore, Bangalore.

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18th April 8

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Y. S.

Sir

Rajasabhabhushana Diwan Bahadur C.I.E.,
Dr. Sir K.P.Puttanna Chetty, LL.D.,
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
The Bank of Mysore, Bangalore.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:-
"MYSOREBANK."

All Communications to be addressed
TO THE MANAGER.

Bangalore 2nd May 1938.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
5 MAY 1938
No. 7583.

Ref- No S.P.C.- Private.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government of H. H. the Maharaja
of Mysore, BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your Confidential D.O. letter No.2962/CB, dated 18th April 1938, inviting attention to certain activities of Mr. S. K. Venkatarangiengar, legal adviser to the Bank, I write to state that it was shown to him and he was given an opportunity to explain matters. He was also made to understand the strictly confidential character of the communication and was further told that it was not to be given any publicity whatsoever. He submitted his explanation on 30th April 1938 and I enclose herewith a copy of the same for the information of Government. His explanation speaks for itself. I may be permitted to say that Mr. Venkatarangiengar saw me personally of his own accord at my residence. From the talk I had with him I think he now fully realizes his position and responsibility visa vis the Government of Mysore as the Bank's lawyer and a public man.

In view of the explanation and the regret expressed and the assurances now given for the future by him, I venture to submit his case for the further consideration and orders of Government.

Submitted for
Dewan
I & II Members

Yours sincerely,
K. V. Puttanarayanaiah
Chairman.

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our opinion ? Please
send up Mrs. & Members.

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S. K. Venkatarangiengar,
B.A., LL.B.
Advocate.

Chikpet,
Bangalore City,
30th April 1938.

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To

Rajasabhabhushana Dewan Bahadur
Sir K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Kt.C.I.E., LL.D.,
Chairman, The Bank of Mysore, Ltd.,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have seen D.O. letter No.2962/CB, dated 18th April 1938, from the Chief Secretary to the Government through your kindness. I much regret that anything relating to me should have given occasion for correspondence. As I value my connection with the Bank and as I desire, with your goodwill, to continue it, I write to earnestly assure you that I have no connection with any movement adverse to the State or His Highness's Government. My family connections are also a sure guarantee of my loyalty to the Throne and person of His Highness the Maharaja. I regret most sincerely that there should have been, so far as I am concerned, any reason for doubt or suspicion. It is possible that there might have been cause for misapprehension in this connection as I have been for some time an active public worker in connection with the local Municipality and an active legal practitioner to whom all kinds of litigants and others have opportunities to resort, sometime much against my own personal desire. I have for over a year now given up active participation in politics of any kind and I have no desire to go back to it, as my professional business requires the whole of my time and attention. I would personally assure you that so long as I continue to serve the Bank as its Legal Adviser, I have made up my mind not to go into active politics and not to do anything that might be susceptible of any misapprehension. I may also state that I have always dissuaded misguided people when they have sought legal aid from me against "direct" action of every kind and advised them to keep strictly within the bounds of constitutionalism. Both by habit and mental make-up, I am a strict constitutionalist and that is the reason why I have always refused to be drawn beyond its well-defined limits.

I have tried to render plain above what is both my position qua the Government and my attitude towards those who by their predilictions differ

differ from me. I should not have written at length on this head but for the direct issue raised by Government's letter which has to be met directly be me.

I would once again express my deep regret that anything relating to me should have given occasion for a reference of this kind from Government. I may have been active, anxious to impress and even emotionally demonstrative but never have been anything but a loyal citizen of His Highness's Government. I would, therefore, also once again assure you that my political views, my family traditions and my mental make-up are all against straying away from the constitutional field. I would be the last to countenance anything "anti-Governmental" or "subversive" now or hereafter.

As one known to our family for generations, I would earnestly request you to make the above matter plain to Government on my behalf.

With every respect and with an assurance once again of my deep loyalty to the Throne and person of His Highness the Maharaja and his Government and the Bank.

I remain,
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Sd. S. K. Venkatarangiengar.

(True Copy)